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SUBJECT: PRC TRADE DELEGATION VISITS TO THE U.S.

1. ACCORDING TO CCPIT VICE CHAIRMAN LI CHUAN, THE CHINA NATIONAL CEREALS OILS AND FOODSTUFFS IMPORT AND EXPORT CORPORATION IS PLANNING TO SEND A DELEGATION TO THE UNITED STATES BEFORE THE END OF THIS YEAR. IN AN INTERVIEW AUGUST 1 WITH NCUSCT'S NEW VICE PRESIDENT, MEL SEARLS, LI SAID THE GROUP WOULD DO A MARKET SURVEY AND TRY TO SELL CHINESE FOOD PRODUCTS. HE DID NOT INDICATE THE DELEGATION'S DEPARTURE DATE OR SPONSORING U.S. ORGANIZATION, BUT SEARLS ASSUMED HE WAS INFORMED BECAUSE THE NATIONAL COUNCIL WOULD BE EXPECTED TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE VISIT.

2. IN RESPONSE TO SEARLS' QUESTIONS ABOUT CCPIT'S VISIT TO THE U.S. THIS FALL, LI REFUSED TO CONFIRM WHETHER HE WOULD LEAD THE DELEGATION, BUT SAID ONLY THAT HE WOULD "DO HIS BEST TO VISIT THE U.S.". HE SAID THAT THE FINAL COMPOSITION OF THE GROUP HAD ALSO NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED. NCUSCT'S PROPOSED ITINERARY WAS DISCUSSED WITH PRCLO COMMERCIAL COUNSELLOR,
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CHANG TSIEN-HUA, WHILE HE WAS ON HOME LEAVE AND CHANG

HAD ALREADY COMMUNICATED CCPIT'S FEW REQUESTS FOR
CHANGES TO THE NATIONAL COUNCIL, LI SAID.

3. ON RELATED MATTER, LI INDICATED THAT A REQUEST
TO VISIT PEKING FROM THE AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
IN HONG KONG WOULD NOT BE APPROVED. LI SAID AMCHAM
HAD ALREADY ATTENDED TWO CANTON TRADE FAIRS AND CCPIT
DID NOT HAVE THE STAFF TO RECEIVE ALL OF THE MANY U.S.
CHAMBERS WHICH HAD WRITTEN FOR AN INVITATION.

4. IN GENERAL, SEARLS SAID THE MEETING WAS CORDIAL
AND THAT ALTHOUGH LI SEEMED SOMEWHAT "DISINTERESTED"
HE DID EXPRESS CCPIT'S WILLINGNESS TO INCREASE ITS
CONTACTS WITH THE NATIONAL COUNCIL. LI SAID THERE
WOULD BE MANY CHANCES FOR FUTURE EXCHANGES AND FOR
DEVELOPING THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO ORGANI-
ZATIONS.
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